Setting up of currency printing press in Andhra Pradesh

2547. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:
SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install a printing press to print currency Notes in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) with reference to the assessment of requirement for additional capacities and the recommendations of a site selection committee, Govt. have authorised pre-investment activities for setting up of two new Currency Note Presses, one at Salboni in West Bengal and another at Mysore in Karnataka.

Financial assistance to Tamil Nadu

2548. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the recent prohibition imposed in Tamil Nadu and starting of nutritional noon-meal scheme what steps are being taken to give more financial assistance to Tamil Nadu to supplement their efforts; and

(b) how much amount is likely to be earmarked for this purpose and also for providing foot-wear to school going children and old ladies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Central assistance for the State plan is given to Tamil Nadu, as in the case of all States, in the form of block assistance whose quantum is determined according to the Gadgil Formula approved by the National Development Council. No assistance is earmarked specifically for the nutritional noon-meal scheme or for providing foot-wear to school going children and old ladies.

केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों के लिये समयोपरि तथा धुलाई भत्ते की दर में वृद्धि

0549. **श्री सूरज प्रसाद** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चतुर्थ वेतन आयोग ने केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों के लिये समयोपरि भत्ते में वृद्धि की सिफारिश की है, यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में श्रेणीवार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि चतुर्थ वेतन आयोग के प्रतिवेदन के कार्यान्वित के बाद चतुर्थ तथा तृतीय श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों या वे कर्मचारी जिन्हें वर्दियां दी जाती हैं, को दिये जाने वाले धुलाई भत्ते , जूतों की कीमत तथा अन्य वस्तुओं में कोई वृद्धि नहीं की गई है ; और

(ग) यदि कोई वृद्धि की गई है, तो उसका श्रेणीवार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Failure of CBI in the case of leakage of Sensitive Gravity Data

2550. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for failure of CBI in location and fixing responsibility into the alleged leakage of sensitive of gravity data from the National Geophysical Research Institute;

(b) whether it is a fact that there was pressure on the CBI not to identify and fix responsibility; and

(c) if not what reasons have been given by the CBI, for is failure in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) CBI has not registered and Investigated Gravity flow data leakage case of National Geophysical Research Institute.

Leakage of sensitive gravity data

2551. SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of case of leakage of sensitive gravity data from the National Geophysical Research Institute;

(b) whether any breakthrough has since been made to locate the culprit and register case; and

(c) if not, how much more time is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) There is no such case being investigated either by CSIR or by CBI.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Security arrangements at the National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad

2552. SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad is doing valuable service on gravity flow data;

(b) whether proper security arrangements have been made in view of strategic importance of the work being done there; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) NGRI, Hyderabad is collecting gravity data for scientific purposes since 1963.

(b) and (c) Restrictions have been imposed by the Survey of India in the publication of such data. As per prescribed procedure, it can only be published as a restricted priced publication and sold only to authorised persons who have to provide the requisite certificate of secrecy and safe custody.

Currency printing press in West Bengal

2553. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed currency printing press would be set up in West Bengal as per earlier decision;

(b) whether any other places for this purpose have been chosen after rejecting Panagarh;

(c) if so, the names of the places;

(d) whether any progress have so far been made in this regard; and

(e) the expected time in which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) With reference to the assessment of requirement of additional capacities and the recommendations of a site selection committee, Govt. have authorised, pre-investment activities including land acquisition, soil testing, preparation of detailed feasibility report etc. for setting up two new presses, one at Salboni in West Bengal and another at Mysore in Karnataka. The detailed feasibility report is expected to be got ready by the end of this calender year.